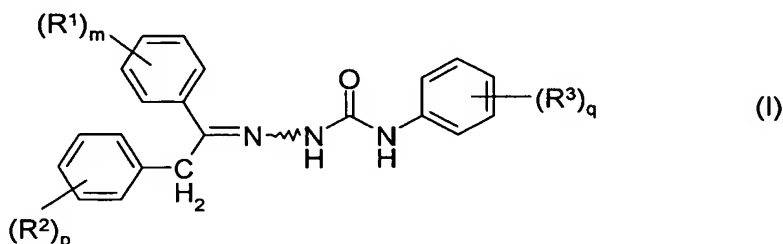


Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claim 1 (Currently Amended): A process for the isomerisation of the Z-isomer I-Z of a compound of the general formula I into its E-isomer I-E



wherein

m, p and q are each independently an integer of 0, 1, 2, 3 or 4

R¹, R², R³ are each independently halogen; OH; CN; NO₂;

C₁-C₆-alkyl, optionally substituted with C₁-C₄-alkoxy, C₁-C₄-haloalkoxy or C₃-C₆-cycloalkyl;

C₁-C₆-haloalkyl;

C₃-C₆-cycloalkyl;

C₁-C₆-alkoxy optionally substituted with C₁-C₄-alkoxy or C₃-C₆-cycloalkyl;

C₁-C₆-haloalkoxy;

C₁-C₆-alkylcarbonyl;

C₃-C₆-cycloalkoxy;

C₁-C₆-alkoxycarbonyl or

C₁-C₆-alkoxycarbonyloxy;

~~which is characterized in that~~ comprising reacting the Z isomer I-Z or a mixture of the stereoisomers I-Z and I-E ~~is reacted~~ in the presence of iodine.

Claim 2 (Currently Amended): The process as claimed in claim 1, wherein iodine is used in amounts from ~~0.1~~ 0.1 to 10% by weight, based on the total amount of the compound of the general formula I.

Claim 3 (Original): The process as claimed in claim 1, wherein the isomerisation is performed in an inert solvent or diluent.

Claim 4 (Original): The process as claimed in claim 1, wherein the isomerisation is performed in the absence of a solvent or diluent.

Claim 5 (Original): The process as claimed in claim 1, wherein a mixture of the isomers I-Z and I-E having an E/Z ratio ranging from 15 : 1 to 2 : 1 is reacted.

Claim 6 (Original): The process as claimed in claim 1, wherein the isomerisation is performed at a temperature ranging from 40 to 150°C.

Claim 7 (Original): The process as claimed in claim 1, where in formula I m, p and q are each 1 and

R^1, R^2, R^3 are each independently halogen, CN, C₁-C₆-alkyl, C₁-C₆-haloalkyl, C₁-C₆-alkoxy or C₁-C₆-haloalkoxy.

Claim 8 (Original): The process as claimed in claim 7, where in formula I R¹ is CF₃ located in the 3-position of the phenyl ring, R² is CN located in the 4-position of the phenyl ring and R³ is OCF₃ located in the 4-position of the phenyl ring.